

Support your local community **BE A DOUZENIER**

Be at the heart of your community

Do you care deeply about your part of Guernsey?

Are you keen to make sure it's safe, tidy and well-run, and retains its own unique character?

Are you good at organising, or a whizz with social media, or have a passion for planning, or a love of numbers?

Then your parish needs you.



Victoria Robinson
Vale Douzenier

Represent your neighbours

The day-to-day running of your parish is the responsibility of the two Constables and the parish staff team.

But, in addition, 12 or more Douzeniers are elected by local residents as their representatives. Douzeniers keep a careful eye on what's happening in the parish, give feedback and suggestions, and volunteer to help out with parish duties.



What do Douzaines do?

The Douzaine meets once a month, usually on a Monday evening, to discuss parish business, which includes:

- Raising money from parish rates and spending it on keeping the parish thriving and beautiful
- Looking after the properties that belong to the parish
- Organising community events
- Giving feedback on local planning applications
- Inspecting hedges, streams and dangerous roads and walls
- Issuing liquor and other licences to local businesses
- Signposting parishioners to the right States committee

Step-by-step guide

STEP ONE

Women in Public Life inspires and supports the women of Guernsey to stand for all forms of public office. Find out more about being a Douzenier on our website at bit.ly/ParishRoles, including video interviews with women who are already parish officials. Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter so we can keep you updated at bit.ly/WIPLnewsletter.

STEP TWO

Pop in to your Constables Office or Douzaine Room for a chat. The parish team will tell you about the role and give you a nomination form if there's an election coming up soon. Parish contact details are here: gov.gg/parishes.

STEP THREE

The main parish elections are held on the first Wednesday of November each year. Look in the Gazette Officielle in early October for the list of positions available. More details in our 'Guide to the Annual Parish Election Process' here: bit.ly/ParishInfosheets. There are also occasional by-elections.

STEP FOUR

Email us at any time - we're happy to answer questions, introduce you to current Douzeniers and talk through whether joining your parish is right for you.

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